DRAFT OF PROPOSED LETTER TO BELIN--8/11/71

Dear Mr. Belin:

I have been considering the conditions set forth in your lteter of 8/3 under which our correspondence may be ued "directly or indirectly or disclose(d) to any third party...for any purpose whatsoever." You state you would not anticipate giving any consent for use unless "the quotation was not an extract but rather there was a complete verbatim inclusion of all of (your) correspondence with (me.)" Please be assured that I would not consider making any of this correspondence available to third parties unless I disclosed it in total, with every word of our exchange included so that there could be no question of misrepresentation or out of context quotation.

Furthermore, I wish to advise you of the interpretation of your conditions by which I will abide. You say that I "do not have (your) permission without (your) express written consent to use...any portion of (your)correspondence..." Since you have waited until 8/3 to impose this condition, it obviously cannot be retroactive. Thus I could not have been bound to these conditions during the time period for which I was unaware you would want them observed. Likewise, I cannot give my consent to have you impose any conditions on letters which I write. Any letter which I write to you I will feel free to disclose to third parties although I assure you that should I decide to disclose such letters, I would disclose the entire letter verbatim so that I do not misrepresent what I have stated in those letters. Also, as of now I will assume that I do not have your permission to make any distribution of letters which you write me. If you were to consent to such distribution, again, I assure you I would, if the occasion arose, distribute only complete, verbatim copies of whatever you have written. Also, if distribution were made, it would be on a confidential basis as I would permit the "third party" absolutely no disclosure or use of what was made availabel to him.

Since I have stipulated that I cannot permit my own letters to be regulated (and indeed you have my permission to disclose my letters to any third party so long as you disclose the complete, verbatim letter), you are in the position of having only my impression or interpretation of your letters revealed. Thus I urge you to permit disclosure of your letters on the condition to which I heartily agree, that they be disclosed completely and verbatim. This would be entirely fair and proper to both of us and, frankly, I cannot understand your reluctance to permit any disclosure in this absolutely unbiased and innocuous manner, especially considering that those to whom the disclosure was made (if any) would be forbidden from further disclosure or use of their own. I hope you will reconsider the harsh restriction you have placed on distribution of your letters for I feel this may be unfair to you and against your own interests.

His W C stand, as with Rowland